

CLAIMS FOR COTTON

Senate Takes Up Bill by Unanimous Consent.

RESUMPTION OF THE SCOTT CASE

House Adopts Conference Report on Hawaii.

PRIVATE PENSION BILLS

At the conclusion of the routine business in the Senate today Mr. Money (Miss.) by unanimous consent, called up a bill to amend an act to provide for the collection of abandoned property and the prevention of frauds in insurrectionary districts within the United States. He offered an amendment in the form of a new section restricting the provisions of the bill to the proceeds of cotton seized and sold under the act of 1863.

Mr. Chandler said that half the money which the government had realized from the sale of seized and abandoned property had been returned in times past to the owners of the property.

Mr. Money said he had no doubt of the position of Mr. Chandler and fully expected an amendment to be made to the bill.

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WANT FIVE MILLIONS.

Hearing Given Delegation From the Louisiana Purchase States.

The House committee room today was an affair was filled today with representatives from the west and southwest, who appeared in behalf of an international exposition at St. Louis in 1903, to commemorate the Louisiana purchase and the resulting development of the Mississippi valley and its vast tributary sections.

GOV. FRANCIS OF MISSOURI.

The hearing was given under the auspices of the special committee on the cottoning of the Louisiana purchase, consisting of



Gov. Francis of Missouri.

Representatives Tawney (chairman), Steele, Sherman, Joy, Corliss, Burke, Williams (Miss.), Bartlett and Okey.

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SAW BLOWS STRUCK

James B. Porter Testifies in Cabin John Murder Case.

COULD NOT IDENTIFY GRIFFIN

The Fighting, He Said, Occurred After Dusk.

DR. LINTHICUM'S TESTIMONY

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 27.—The habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Emmitt E. Griffin and Robert B. Dennison, the young Virginians charged with the killing of Albert A. Johnson at Cabin John bridge on the evening of Sunday, April 15, came up here at noon today before Judge James B. Henderson.

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DETAILS AND CONGRESSION.

The President's announcement of his selection of Mr. MacFarland as a member of the District Commission was commended by the cabinet officials today.

At the White House today Senator McMillan, chairman of the Senate District of Columbia committee, expressed his hearty approval of the selection of Mr. MacFarland.

Mr. MacFarland was very much gratified at the reappointment of Mr. Ross, and he was sure his administration of District affairs would be most admirable.

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APPROVED THOROUGHLY.

Mr. S. W. Woodward expressed himself freely this morning as being delighted with the selection of Mr. MacFarland to be District Commissioner and more than pleased at the reappointment of Mr. Ross.

Mr. MacFarland has been associated with Mr. Woodward in a number of charitable and public works, and he has known him for many years.

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MAY BE CONFIRMED TODAY.

Prompt Action by the Commissioners' Nominations Expected.

It is thought possible that as soon as the Senate meets in executive session today the nominations for District Commissioners will be immediately referred to the District committee, and that committee may be able to make its report before the session is closed.

FOR CURFEW LAW.

There has been transmitted to the District Commissioners, with the approval of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the District, a bill providing for the enactment of a "curfew law" in the District. The proposed law is said to be substantially the same as is in force in quite a number of cities and towns throughout the country.

The proposed bill is entitled "An act in relation to children under sixteen years of age in the District of Columbia," and the first section makes it unlawful for any person under sixteen years of age to be in or upon any of the avenues, streets, courts, alleys or public places in the District, without the company of a parent, guardian or other person having the legal custody of such minor person, or who is not under the control and direction of such parent, guardian, etc., or whose legal employment makes it necessary to be upon the streets, etc., after sunset.

But these curfew laws are not to apply when the person under age shall be playing or unnecessarily loitering in or upon said streets, etc., after sunset, and the provisions of this section is to be punished by a fine not exceeding \$5 for each offense, or stand committed in default of payment.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

Short Covering Gave Spasmodic Strength to Stocks.

SUGAR'S MOVEMENTS WERE ERRATIC

The Railroad Shares Were in Fairly Good Demand.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, April 27.—A further covering of short contracts this morning and a moderate demand from London helped prices at various points in the active list, and under the influence of this strength the general list was firmer.

Pennsylvania was opened as high as possible, but option varied as to the probability of an increased dividend at next week's meeting. Valuable privileges were said to be in prospect in lieu of cash, but official utterances were non-committal on the subject.

The Pacific shares failed to hold their fractional gains, London's buying of Southern Pacific being the only feature in that group. The railroad market advanced easily from time to time, but failed to hold, owing to the prevailing lack of breadth.

At the higher prices sellers outnumbered buyers in every instance, but there was no positive pressure outside of professional circles.

The trading in Sugar was a pronounced feature of the day, and advance to 110 early in the day gave way to a sharp reaction, and an equally sharp recovery in the afternoon. Interest in these shares has been greatly increased, and there is a belief in inside circles that one or two large accounts still remain uncovered.

In order to force out this obstinate interest, the market has been flooded with proposals from one independent trader kept in active circulation.

American Tobacco was moved about in a manner indicating some new market developments.

The week's currency movement shows a steady covering of \$400,000 to the banks, allowing for the export of gold.

The express movement has been hampered by the falling off in subtreasury payments. Bond premiums and strong interest in the banks, and the time is not far distant when the interior movement must be relied upon to support the currency.

Money rates are easy and declining, and as to collaterals has relaxed materially in consequence. Exchange is firm, but no gold shipments other than those previously announced will be made this week.

Sentiment is mixed on the future course of